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Apology. I had expected to have this out a lot sooner; I'm sorry. There were several reasons for the delay, however. One was that I originally planned a long issue...a complete checklist for all rated and unrated games. That proved too extensive. Another reason is that there were some tentative arrangements being made by Len Lakofka for Peter Berggren to do our printing...however, I've heard nothing from Peter for about 2 months. Finally, there was the question of whom ought to do this. Len is (or was) Chairman but has been tied up with (a) the IDA Publisher's Handbook and (b) working 60 hours a week or so. Anyway, sorry for the delay.

The Chairmanship. Len has said repeatedly that he did not want the PDRC and the IDA VP both. He is now IDA VP. A recent note from him stated that he would turn the PDRC back over to me if he were elected. That was not an official resignation, but for the moment I am going to assume that Len has resigned and that I am --at least for the moment-- Chairman of this group. We have a lot of business to take care of and I want to get started on it.

New Members. We are getting, or are about to get, some new members. Walt Buchanan has resigned the CPCRL to Matt Diller. The Constitution does not really specify what should happen, but in my opinion if a present member resigns his rating system to another person, the former is no longer a member and the latter is. Any comments on that?

Now, Matt has not in fact published an updated version of the CPCRL. That is partly my fault. I have promised to provide him with some info from my files and have not yet done so. It is not an easy task to get at it, hence that delay.

Two new rating systems, Peter Berggren's TOPS and John Leeder's ODD-MOD, seem about finished (the former, however, depends on the rest of us). Some other ratings seem to be in the wings. If anyone can provide me with names and addresses of people running active ratings, I'd appreciate it.

Finally, information now at hand indicates that Eric Verheiden is the Ratingsmaster of the DA's rating list. Under the Constitution it is clear that he may be a member (assuming he wishes to participate).

Old Members. Walt Buchanan will of course continue to receive copies since he is the Hobby Archivist. Our constitution was adopted last March. Since that time, Jeff Key has still not met the requirements for voting membership. I can appreciate that the reason for this is that Paul Bond has not done the requisite computer work, which was due this summer, but the fact of non-publication remains. I do not feel that it is fair to the other members to continue this arrangement; therefore, Jeff's membership must be suspended until such time as his rating system is published. Objections are of course in order and if I receive one I will take a vote on the matter.

#### Membership List

Doug Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, #F, Palo Alto CA 94301 (BNC, ODD)  
Mathew Diller, 85-07 Avon St., Jamaica Estates NY 11432 (CPC)  
Len Lakofka, 644 W. Briar Pl., Chicago IL 60657 (RG)  
Jeff Power, 430 W. 34th St., #12D, New York NY 10001 (BROB)

Eric Verheiden, Caltech 1-86, Pasadena CA 91126 (TDARL)  
 Rod Walker, "Alicia", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas CA 92024 (SSE, ACPC)

### Potential Members

Peter Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford NH 03777 (TOPS)  
 John Leeder, 208 Haysboro Cres., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2V 3G3 (ODDMOD)

### Others

Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Box 324, Lebanon IN 46052  
 Jeff Key, 6501 Melody Ln., Parkville MO 64152 (this issue only)

## THE STANDARD RATING BASE

The SRB, as you know, is the set of games the PDRC considers "regular postal Diplomacy games" and hence rateable. It includes all games all the members rate plus categories of disputed games receiving the requisite majority vote. This issue will cover that more thoroughly in a moment.

As you also know, the SRB is not binding on members in the sense that we rate games not included in it (and we don't have to rate games which are in it). It is strongly recommended, however, in listing the games you rate, that it be done indicating only exceptions to the SRB. Thus, "SRB/24" means the Standard Rating Base covering all games reported by the SRB through EVERYTHING 24.

### SRB/24

The members have written me telling me that they did rate all games reported as "regular" in EVERYTHING 23, and did not rate all games reported as irregular. I am assuming the same is true for #24, although if I have made an error, please let me know. The listing below is a sort of condensed checklist; please check it over. If you do not rate any game in the "SRB" column, or if you do rate any game in the "not rated" column, please let me know. The exception would be any local game, since the Commission has already voted to exclude all such games from the SRB.

<u>Year</u>	<u>SRB</u>	<u>Not rated</u>	<u>Disputed</u>
1962		A	
1963	B	A, C	
1964	A-B, D	C, E	
1965	A-I, K-M, P-U, W	J, N-O	V
1966	A-B, H-I, L-O, R, T, Z, AA-AD, AE, AG-AI, AK-AM, AO, AS-AV, AZ, BB-BD, EG, BI-BL, BN-BO	G, J, P-Q, S, U-W, AD, AF, AJ, AN, AP, AW-AY, BA, BE, BF, EH, BP	E-F, K, X-Y, BM
1967	A-B, E, H-J, N-P, T-W, Y-Z, AA-AC, AE-AH, AJ-AL, AO-AU, AW, AZ, BA-BC [anybody know what happened to 67AV?]	C-D, F-G, K-M, Q-S, X, AD, AI, AM, AN, AX, BD-BG	AY
1968	A-P, R-T, V-Z, AA-AB, AD-AL, AN-AO, AV, AX, AZ, BA-BC, BS-BT, BY-BZ, CA-CD, CF, CH-CI, CK-CM, CP, CW	Q, U, AM, AP-AU, AW, BD-BJ, BL-BR, BV-BX, CE, CJ, CN-CO, CQ-CV, CX-CY	AC, AY, BK, BU, CG
1969	B-H, K-P, R-Z, AB-AD, AF, AY, BA, BC, BE-BI, BK-BM, BO, BV, BY-BZ, CA-CB, CD, CF-CL, CP, CR [Anybody have a chart for 1969A?] [Anybody know what happened to 69AX?]	I-J, Q, AG-AW, BB, BJ, BN, BP-BU, BW, CC, CM-CO, CQ, CS	AA, AE, AZ, BD, BX, CE



Game	ACPC	BROB	CPC	ODD	RG	S&B	TDARL	Comments
1968BU		X	X	X	X		X	GM irregularities
1968CG	X	X	X		X	X	X	Husband/wife draw
1969AA				X				Abandoned
1969AE	X	X			X	X		Used "Changing of the Guard"
1969AZ		X	X	X	X		X	5 drops w/o replacement
1969BD	X			X	X	X	X	GM played
1969BX		X	X	X	X		X	5 drops w/o replacement
1969CE		X	X	X	X		X	same
1970C	X	X	X	X		X	X	12-center country in c.d.
1970L	X					X		Abandoned
1970Y	X					X		same
1970Z	X					X		same
1970AL	X					X		same
1970AM	X					X		same
1970AR	X					X		same
1970AS	X					X		same
1971U	X					X		same
1971BL	does anybody rate this?							7-way "tournament"
1971BP	same question							same
1971CJ	X					X	X	games ended by time limit
thru								
1971CO	X					X	X	same [tion.
1971DR	X					X	X	ended by protested GM declara-
1972K	X	X	X		X	X	X	??
19730		X	X	X	X		X	2-player game, 1904-1910.

Corrections to the above list would be greatly appreciated.

Back to new members: Obviously it is going to happen that a person eligible to membership doesn't want to be on the PDRC. We will have no way of knowing unless this individual tells us so or fails to reply to the statutory number of issues. Therefore, he will be treated as a member unless and until I am informed otherwise or the constitutional requirements take effect. This applies to Diller and Verheiden at the moment; it will apply to Berggren and/or Leeder once they are eligible.

[John's publication of a partial listing may be construed as meeting the eligibility requirement. My interpretation of the Constitution is that the listing must be a complete one. A motion to the contrary is of course in order.]

The Constitution is presently in LAPUTAs 12 and 14; I have extra copies if you need them. I will prepare a new copy for inclusion with LAPUTA 19.

DEADLINE for responses to this issue is Friday, 30 January 1976.

Although no ballot form is included, the members should consider this issue a ballot within the terms of Article V of the Constitution. I need to hear from you on these matters, so please reply. A postcard with "OK" on it will be fine if you have no exceptions to the listings and data herein, and have no answers to the various questions...and if you do rate 1968BK and do not rate 1971BL and 1971BP.

Thanks,

*Red*